



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In March 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Dezirae Houser** to permanently cease and desist from any and all conduct constituting the practice of a registered nurse in Washington unless she has obtained the proper credential or meets an exemption.

### **Clallam County**

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Rhonda R. Goudie** (RN00142107). Goudie financially exploited a patient in her adult family home by accepting \$21,000, more than the patient's rate of care. She was convicted of two counts of first degree theft in 2011.

### **Clark County**

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission and the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered nurse and chemical dependency professional

**Ann N. Durst** (RN00154468, CO60224998). Durst failed to comply with a previous agreement and a previous agreed order.

In March 2012 the Massage Program accepted the credential surrender of **Tom Hudson** (MA00014678). Hudson had sex with a client on more than one occasion.

In February 2012 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician assistant **Casey J. Maul** (PA10004310). Maul agreed to surrender his license to practice as a physician assistant in Oregon; he cannot reapply for a license in that state for a minimum of two years.

### **King County**

In March 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Steve Becker** to permanently cease and desist from any and all conduct constituting the practice of psychology in Washington unless he has obtained the proper credential or meets an exemption.

In March 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Yupa Chow** to permanently cease and desist from any and all conduct constituting the practice of massage in Washington unless Chow has obtained the proper credential or meets an exemption.

In February 2012 the Secretary of Health withdrew the July 2011 statement of charges against Janice certified nursing assistant **Janice Arlene Hudson** (NC10002129).

In February 2012 the Medical Commission withdrew the December 2011 statement of charges against physician **William H. Levy** (MD00021325).

In March 2012 the Pharmacy Board revoked the license of pharmacy assistant **Austa Smith** (VB00069600), also known as Austa Bienville. Smith was convicted of second degree murder – domestic violence in 2011.

### **Lewis County**

In March 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Ona Ahrens, also known as Ona Harding and Ona Harding-Ahrens**, to permanently cease and desist from any and all conduct constituting the practice of medicine and dietitian and/or nutritionist in Washington unless Ahrens has obtained the proper credential or meets an exemption.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Katie J. Byrd** (NA60214486). Byrd slept while caring for a patient, smoked marijuana with the patient, drove the patient while under the influence, and shoplifted. She also had the patient pawn jewelry so she could get a tattoo.

In February 2012 the Medical Commission suspended the license of physician **Jose A. Garcia** (MD00011694) for 30 days. After the 30-day suspension, Garcia's license will be on probation

for at least three years. This order supersedes the 2009 agreed order. Garcia allowed an unlicensed person to administer anesthesia and failed to comply with the 2009 agreed order.

In March 2012 the Dental Commission permanently revoked the credential of dental assistant **Amanda C. Knight** (D160068455). Knight was convicted with one count of first degree murder, two counts of first degree robbery, two counts of second degree assault, and one count of first degree burglary.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs suspended the credentials of registered nursing assistant and health care assistant **Amanda Elizabeth Olmos** (NA60109158, HC60018788). Olmos was convicted of second degree assault in 2011.

In February 2012 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Ronald Schubert** (MD00038272) on probation for five years. Schubert is restricted to treating only adult male patients, among other stipulations.

In March 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Jennifer J. Sterling** (HC00154061). Sterling pleaded guilty to unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance, a gross misdemeanor, in 2011.

### **Snohomish County**

In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Frank J. Squires** (CO60237146). Squires failed to comply with a previous agreement.

### **Spokane County**

In February 2012 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician **John E. Sonneland** (MD00004987). Sonneland is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

In March 2012 the Dental Commission suspended the credential of dental assistant **Marlene E. Vitez** (D160113111). Vitez took at least \$65 from a patient's wallet without permission.

### **Stevens County**

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Shaylynn C. Haller** (RN00169874) based on the suspension of her license to practice as a nurse in Montana. Haller also failed to appear at the scheduled pre-hearing conference.

### **Out of State**

**Indiana:** In March 2012 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Carrie Ann Whitney** (RN60150817). Whitney's license to practice nursing in Indiana was indefinitely suspended; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

**Michigan:** In March 2012 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Patrick William Prestine** (RN60229069). Prestine's license to practice nursing in Indiana was indefinitely suspended; he remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

**Montana:** In February 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **David A. Smith** (RN00123669). On more than one occasion, Smith withdrew medication and administered it to patients without authorization or exceeded the dosage amount on the physician orders.

**Oregon:** In February 2012 the Secretary of Health withdrew the October 2011 notice of intent to issue cease and desist order against **Max Grishkevich**.

**Oregon:** In February 2012 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Jerie E. Parish** (RN00163454) based on the voluntary surrender of her registered nurse credential in Oregon due to impaired function.

**Oregon:** In February 2012 the Massage Program revoked the credential of **Frank L. Souza** (MA00008691). Souza's credential to practice massage in Oregon was revoked for engaging in sexual misconduct with three female clients.

**Oregon:** In January 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Cindy S. Zapf** (RN00114615) based on the probation of her registered nurse credential in Oregon.

**Wyoming:** In March 2012 the Medical Commission withdrew the January 2010 statement of charges against physician **James B. Borden** (MD00042963).

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